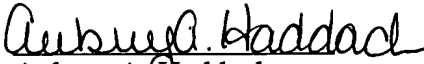


**CONCLUSION**

In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully requests prompt action on the merits of the elected claims of Group I, as well as non-elected claims of Group II.

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